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COMMUNITY TO HOLD VETERANS DAY SERVICE

ROCKPORT, TX – In honor of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, a special Veterans Day Service will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park on Austin Street. The event is free and open to the public.

The ceremony will include presentation and posting of the colors by the ACISD Navy Junior ROTC, recognition of local veterans' organizations and law enforcement agencies, laying of the wreath and dedication, and the presentation of the National Anthem by Rockport-Fulton High School's Band and Choir. Rockport resident LTC (U.S. ANC, Ret.) Helene Harris is the guest speaker.

Born in Chicago, IL, Helene Harris, LTC, AN (Ret), graduated from Niles North High School and enlisted in the US Army in November 1974, where she immediately trained as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She left the service in 1977 as a Specialist 5, after a successful tour at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu.

Harris re-entered the US Army as a Reservist in 1978 in Birmingham, AL, where she attended Jacksonville State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1981.

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After graduation, she was commissioned into the Army Nursing Corps on Active Duty as Second Lieutenant.

As a proud member of the Army Nursing Corps, she served at the following hospitals:

1982-1985 Irwin Army Hospital Fort Riley, KS

1985-1988 Walson Army Hospital Fort Dix, NJ

1988-1990 121st Evac Hospital Yongsan, South Korea

1990-1992 William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX

1992-2001 94th General Hospital Seagoville, TX

Harris completed her Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Texas El Paso. She retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

A resident of Rockport, she has been married to Bill Harris, also a retired Army Nurse, for 42 years.

This special event is sponsored by the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Prosperity Bank, Carl Morrison American Legion Post & Unit #363 & Sons of the Legion, American GI Forum Post & Unit #324F, and Stewart-Wendell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3904.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony at the American Legion, located at 1701 North Church. In case of inclement weather, the Veterans Day program will be held at the American Legion.